

FISCAL NOTE

HB 581 - SB 812

March 9, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a grant program administered by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the construction and maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian pathways along state highways. Requires the establishment of a separate account within the Highway Fund for such purposes.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

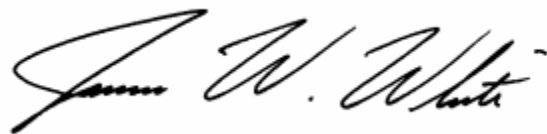
Increase State Expenditures - \$80,000 / Highway Fund

Assumptions:

- The Commissioner of TDOT is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.
- According to TDOT, the federal Safe Routes to School funds would not be available for purposes identified in this bill.
- Construction expenditures are to be funded with public and private grants or donations.
- Grant applications are expected to be received from various local governments, citizens groups, neighborhood associations, homeowner associations, and other interested parties.
- According to TDOT, the department would need three additional positions (a coordinator, an engineer, and an environmental specialist) requiring an increase to recurring state expenditures of \$80,000 per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director